

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 3681  
Examiner : Sherry Lynn Estremsky  
Applicant : John P.R. Hammerbeck  
Appln. No. : 10/551,398  
Filing Date : September 29, 2005  
Confirmation No. : 3278  
For : **RATIO CHANGING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION**  
**OF TIME (35 USC §41(a)(8))**

- 1) This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2007, for a period of one month.

- 2) Applicant is:

X a small entity \_\_\_\_\_ Verified Statement attached  
Verified Statement filed

other than small entity

- | 3)       | Extension<br>(months) | Fee for other<br>than small entity | Fee for small<br>entity |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>X</u> | one month             | \$ 120.00                          | \$ 60.00                |
| —        | two months            | \$ 460.00                          | \$230.00                |
| —        | three months          | \$ 1050.00                         | \$525.00                |
| —        | four months           | \$1640.00                          | \$820.00                |
|          | five months           | \$2230.00                          | \$1115.00               |

- 4) An amendment:

X is filed herewith has been filed

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5) Fee Payment:

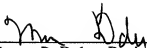
\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_.

X Please charge the required fees and any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2463. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

December 20, 2007

Date

  
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